

FOND DU LAC COUNTY

WISCONSIN FUND
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In the 1999/2000 State Budget Bill the residential requirements of income eligibility has been increased to a maximum of \$45,000, based on the annual family income as represented by the adjusted gross income of the homeowner and the owner's spouse, if any, as computed for Federal tax purposes in the year prior to the year of enforcement order. However, it also establishes a "base level" income of \$32,000. A person whose income did not exceed \$32,000 would be eligible for the full grant amount provided by the grant funding tables. A person whose income was more than \$32,000 but less than \$45,000 would receive the amount in the tables less 30% of the amount by which the person's income exceeds \$32,000.

To be eligible the homeowner must provide a copy of the designated income tax return(s) for the taxable year prior to the year of the enforcement order. If owner is filing separately from spouse, a copy of spouse's return must be provided also.

For small commercial establishments, requirements are based upon annual gross revenue of the business as computed for Federal Income Tax purposes for the taxable year prior to the year of the enforcement order. The annual gross revenue limit is \$362,500. Small commercial establishments must have a maximum daily sewage flow of 5,000 gallons per day or less.

A written enforcement order must be issued by this department against the failing system. Categories of failing systems are -

Category 1 -- Discharge of sewage into surface water or groundwater, a zone of saturation, a drain tile or a zone of bedrock.

Category 2 -- Discharge of sewage to the surface of the ground.

If funds are sufficient for all Category 1 systems but not all Category 2 systems, Dept of Commerce shall fully fund all Category 1 systems and reduce grants for all Category 2 systems proportionally. If funds are not sufficient for all Category 1 systems, Dept of Commerce shall reduce grants proportionally for all Category 1 and provide no funds for Category 2 systems. An applicant who receives a prorated grant or an applicant, whose application is denied because funds are insufficient in a particular year, may not reapply and has no opportunity to receive additional funds. The administrative fee is not refundable.

Enforcement orders must be issued in writing prior to construction. Applications may be submitted for reimbursement within the 3-year period from the date the enforcement order was issued.

The failing system must be constructed prior to July 1, 1978.

A residence must be occupied at least 51% of the year by the owner. In cases where an individual, family or household occupies more than one residence, the "principal residence" will be the legal domicile for income tax, school or voting purposes and does not include a second home, vacation or recreational residence.

The residence or commercial establishment must not have received a previous grant under this program.

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The determination of failure must be made prior to the rehabilitation or replacement of the failing private sewerage system by the Fond du Lac County Code Enforcement personnel, followed by a written order condemning the failing system and ordering replacement. Only Category 1 and Category 2 failures are eligible for funding if all other requirements are met.

A Fond du Lac County Sanitary permit must be applied for and issued before we can submit your application to Department of Commerce. It is your responsibility to make certain your plumber obtains the permit well before the third Friday of January.

All paperwork must be submitted to Department of Commerce by our office within 3 years of the determination of failure is made to remain eligible for grant funds. It is generally to your advantage to participate as soon as possible.

A completed application form must be submitted along with a \$100.00 payment for administration fees, payable to Fond du Lac County.

Provide a copy of Federal Income Tax as evidence of annual family or business income.

Provide a copy of the total cost of the replacement of the private waste disposal system when completed.

Fond du Lac County must submit all the above noted information to Department of Commerce by February 1 for you to be eligible for fiscal year funding. Deadline date for application for the Grant is the third Friday in January, after that date it will be processed for the next fiscal year.

If you have any further questions concerning this matter, you may contact this office at 920-929-3139.

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NOTE: Grant amount may vary depending on number of applications received and the amount of money allocated for fiscal year